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Teen pleads guilty in Stevenson Ranch rape

SAN FERNANDO – A 19-year-old man pleaded guilty to forcible rape and other charges today in the Jan. 8 sexual assault of a Stevenson Ranch woman.

Deputy District Attorney Julie Kramer said Jerry Moon is due back in court for sentencing on Jan. 30. As part of a plea agreement, Moon will be sentenced by San Fernando Superior Court Judge Lloyd Nash to 43 years to life in prison, the prosecutor said. The defendant also must register as a sex offender.

Besides one count of forcible rape, Moon pleaded guilty to one count each of sexual penetration by a foreign object by means of force and forcible oral copulation. He admitted that during commission of the crimes, the victim was tied and bound, and the sexual assault occurred during commission of a burglary.

The victim made an impact statement to the court after the defendant entered the plea, Kramer said.

The woman was assaulted after the defendant, also from Stevenson Ranch, broke into her home, authorities said. He was arrested by Sheriff's deputies on Feb. 16 and has remained in custody.